

Exhibit 14



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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. McMullen:

This is in further response to our letter dated November 14, 2018, regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS) for five specific cables sent and/or received by officials representing DOS and/or its organizational components.

After carefully reviewing the remaining four cables, we determined that three of the cables are appropriate for release in a full and one is appropriate for release in part. All releasable information is enclosed. The denied information is exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1), which protects information that is properly classified in the interest of national security pursuant to Executive Order 13526. In this instance, subset 1.4(d) which pertains to foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources, applies.

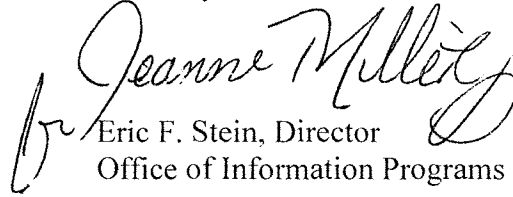
For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email to FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park,

Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric F. Stein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated